

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: )  
Tadayoshi NISHIHAMA, et al. ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/617,669 ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: July 14, 2003 )  
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For: CHARGING APPARATUS HAVING ) October 10, 2003  
AUXILIARY CHARGER RUBBING :  
AGAINST IMAGE BEARING )  
MEMBER :  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.